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From: wa4ixn@juno.com  
 To: ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us  
 Date: Tue, 31 Dec 2002 05:13:12 -0600  
 Subject: Upgrades

RM-10620

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Believe me. I have no quarrel with you as an Extra Class. I know you worked hard for it and deserve all the extra privileges it provides. I just think there are many of us out here who deserve more than the short shrift we got at the hands of a few holier-than-thou's who took command of the bands 35 years ago, with the able assistance of the ARRL pushing the buttons at the FCC. There's just not too many of us left now who have the strength left to fight anymore. When the last of us is SK it will all be over.

73 & Happy New Year  
O. B. Wolf - WA4IXN  
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From: "CWO3" <cwo3@elp.rr.com>  
To: <ak437@acorn.net>  
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comment with the FCC.



Sincerely,  
 Roland  
 K6CWO

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From: "Bob Maser" <bmaser@tampabay.rr.com>  
To: <ak437@acorn.net>  
Date: Mon, 30 Dec 2002 22:49:25 -0500  
Subject: RM-10621

12/30/02  
22:50:00

Dale, I disagree with your proposal RM-10621 just as much as I disagreed with the no code Extra. And I still think that it was a slap in the face for those of us that had to get to that 20 WPM level in order to be able to use DX frequencies. This latest proposal of yours makes no sense at all. The way I look at it, if you fail the driving test for 20 years you still shouldn't be given a license to drive until you learn well enough to pass the test. Anyone who has been an Advanced for 20 years either doesn't have the interest in putting in the effort or has probably been inactive for most of that time. We all seem to be so concerned that this great hobby of ours is getting obsolete that we are willing to drop the price of admission so that anyone can get on the air. If you would take the time to listen around the bands, you can hear testimony that the hobby is becoming almost as bad as CB.

Sincerely,  
Bob Maser  
W6TR

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**To:** ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Dec 2002 19:41:48 EST  
**Subject:** (no subject)

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Hi Dale,

I have just read your petition RM-10620 and I think it's great on your request and feelings on that particular subject. I don't know what the FCC feelings is going to be.

But what ever it is I thank you for trying. I have been a "HAM" for 56 years and cannot believe they (FCC) would do such a change with NO REWARDS for the extra license. All they did was degrade the licensing system by demoting the class "A" status to a lower level with NO explanation. I WILL NEVER TAKE THE EXTRA CLASS TEST. Those are my personal feelings. In any event, thaks again for your interest and petition.

sincerly and best 73's

Nick Harris W2RRT

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**To:** ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us  
**Date:** Mon, 30 Dec 2002 20:53:04 EST  
**Subject:** RM-10620

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Dale; I agree with all of your proposal except, advancing the Advanced ticket holders. These are the last of the licenses that had to be earned. Now adays anyone with 5 words and a good memory (or a little luck ), can get an Extra class ticket. Just my opinion. Thanks for listening, de Dennis KG6BDJ

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Dale,

If your recommendation were to pass, would it include Generals as well?

John.....a.k.a. WA8NDL

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I believe this proposal to be a fair & needed change! Any Advance class ham with 20 or more years experience should be well qualified to operate with Extra Class privileges. I've held an Advanced Class ticket for over 50 years as it was the highest available at the time and would be glad to match my knowledge on the use and responsibilities of Amateur Radio with any new Extra Class holder!  
W6DOM

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**From:** "Billy Cox" <wa4fny@charter.net>  
**To:** <ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us>  
**Date:** Thu, 2 Jan 2003 13:50:40 -0500  
**Subject:** QRZ:

2003/01/02

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Hi Dale, K8AD,

Having read what RM-10620 and RM 10621 are all about in ARRL OB-74, I STRONGLY AGREE. I tried to send an email response to the FCC. I found out that they can do all kinds of damage to you. One item of contention is a problem with the FILE DATE. Next, I need to file with the FCC each RM, individually. I hope you can help..by sending me this information.

Billy D. Cox, WA4FNY  
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**To:** ak437@acorn.net  
**Date:** Thu, 02 Jan 2003 12:48:17 -0800  
**Subject:** Re: UR FCC petition

I went to their website. Is making comments easier than it looks? Looked like I'd have to spend some time learning their system and getting things in the format they accept?

I would like to comment, but have never done that before.

K5ZOL

On Thu, 2 Jan 2003 15:39:17 US/Eastern ak437@acorn.net wrote:

> Thanks  
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> Please have your comments filed on line at the  
> FCC ECFS page.  
>  
> Any additional input would be help!  
>  
> If you have any other changes you feel should  
> be blended into  
> this please make your point line by line so  
> they have public  
> input.  
>  
> Thanks Again  
>  
> Dale Reich - k8ad  
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> > I think your upgrade petition makes a lot of  
> sense. goodluck.  
> > 73,  
> >  
> > Bob K5ZOL  
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Believe me. I have no quarrel with you as an Extra Class. I know you worked hard for it and deserve all the extra privileges it provides. I just think there are many of us out here who deserve more than the short shrift we got at the hands of a few holier-than-thou's who took command of the bands 35 years ago, with the able assistance of the ARRL pushing the buttons at the FCC. There's just not too many of us left now who have the strength left to fight anymore. When the last of us is SK it will all be over.

73 & Happy New Year  
O. B. Wolf - WA4IXN  
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In the matter of RM-10620:

Dick Bash, KL7IHP did more for Amateur Radio than many people realize. Despite outcries of foul by both the ARRL and the FCC his books and forms of study far exceeded anything out then or now. Shortly after he stopped publishing, the ARRL and other publishers, began publishing the Q&A's for all license classes (strange move). None have done a better job at assisting radio operators to learn and advance through the license structure than Dick. Why do I bring this up?

I earned my Novice license in 1974. I quickly upgraded to General class and during my Master of Education/Counseling program upgraded in 1978 to Advanced class operator. I found his material to be interesting, informative and unusually witty. It was these wits that lead me to my next step in Ham Radio; that of Lead Instructor for a local Ham Radio club. I began with a budget of \$100 for the purchase of study materials and search for a location for the classes. By the time I was finished I had set up a cadre of 6 plus instructors that covered the fields they were strongest in, used the materials of the ARRL, AMECO and others as references, established a site at a local high school where a classroom was attached to an old FM radio station (soon converted to a Ham Radio club station), ran classes practically year round that averaged 22 participants at a time, lead numerous field trips to Amateur radio stores and events and watched well over 200 people get licensed or upgrade. We taught license classes from Novice to Extra Class and people could enter at anytime and not be left behind. They were worked with until licensed. Licensing was a clean process then. Today it is awfully muddled.

During this entire time I strongly opposed losing Morse code as a prerequisite for licensing, but still assisted those who wanted to become code free Technician class licensees. Most found code to be easy to learn and beneficial to their advancement. I haven't been too happy with the current mood of the League or the FCC as it relates to Amateur radio either (especially the license structure). Dick Bash was the main drive in our desire to assist others. His impetuses lead us in many ways. Make the training process educational and enjoyable. I have pride in the work that was done and the people I worked with.

The ARRL among others have assisted the FCC in "streamlining" the licensing structure. Change is inevitable, but it is not always the end product. The Code requirement for advancement is still present, yet weakened. The testing is still present, yet weakened. The Advanced class written test, up until present was more difficult than today's Extra class exam and, yes, 13 wpm truly is far better than today's 5 wpm requirement.

I for one am not interested in giving out handouts, but we must be realistic in what the ultimate goal of the FCC is. Restructuring of the Amateur radio classes. Well, let's get about completing this "streamlining" process. Take one step closer to an end product with licensure. Get it over with and follow the spirit of the proposed rule making. Recognize the Novice operators for their work, passing of Morse code, time learning and move them into the Technician Plus class of operators. Recognize the Advanced class operators for their Morse code achievements, advanced knowledge and practices and move them into Extra class status. Forget waiting twenty years, do it immediately upon their renewal. KL7IHP started something over thirty years ago that has now taken shape. Finish it!

Phil Hartz, K0RVD (ex-WD0FFX)

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**From:** "AL MAC KENZIE" <WB6BBH@arrl.net>  
**To:** <ak437@rover.ascpl.lib.oh.us>  
**Date:** Tue, 31 Dec 2002 14:39:47 -0800  
**Subject:** RM-10620

KUDOS TO YOU DALE TO GET AN RM FROM THE FCC I HAVE TRIED TO MAKE COMMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL BUT IT WONT WORK FOR ME. ONCE AGAIN THE FCC MAKES THIER E MAIL FORM TO COMPLICATED. I SUPPLIED ALL THEY WANTED & GET THE ANSWER THAT MY NAME ADDRESS & ZIP CODE ARE IN ERROR. I CERTAINLY DID TRY. I HAVE READ THE ARRL BULLETIN ON SEVERAL HF NETS & DO HOPE THOSE THAT MAKE THIER COMMENTS ARE SUCCESFULL.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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CODE SPEED

January 3, 2003

F.C.C.  
Washington, DC

Re: Response to petition for rule making # RM-10620 from K8AD

I would like to add my opinion to the above-mentioned petition. I support this petition for the following reasons:

When I upgraded from General Class to Advanced Class back in the 70's as W8LTE, the only difference between the Advanced test and the Extra test was the 20wpm code test. Therefore, I passed the same written exam as I would have been given for upgrade to Extra Class. With the changes in code speed currently in effect, I have, in fact, passed the Extra Class license test but am only licensed as an Advanced Class operator.

Since the Advanced Class is no longer available and since I already have passed the Extra Class written test in effect at the time of my testing, I feel that I should be "upgraded" to Extra Class status.

Sincerely,

David Orienti  
W4BHM  
1722-B Valpar Drive  
Birmingham, AL. 35226-2344

OLD { GENERAL CLASS - 13 WPM  
ADVANCED CLASS - 13 WPM + WRI  
EXTRA CLASS - 20 WPM + WRI

CURRENT { GENERAL CLASS - 5 WPM  
EXTRA CLASS - 5 WPM

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Hi Dale

I saw a reference to you and your recommendation on license upgrades for advanced class in yesterday's ARRL bulletin, and have a comment to make on that.

Over fifty years ago, 1949, I was licensed as class "A", which required code proficiency at twenty words per minute, and a stiff written exam. At the same time I held a FCC commercial license for radio telegraphy, also requiring twenty words per minute. I also held FCC commercial license for radiotelephone operation. All these licenses required testing for knowledge far in excess of any of our current amateur licenses. We had to draw complete schematic diagrams for power supplies, oscillators, amplifiers etc. We had to trouble shoot equipment from diagrams supplied by the FCC. We had to receive AND send code in the presence of an FCC examiner to his satisfaction.

I was a graduate of the USAF Radio Operator school (32 weeks) which required code proficiency of twenty five words per minute for a minimum passing grade. I was also a graduate of the USAF Radio Mechanic school (36 weeks) requiring extensive knowledge of electronics hardware and circuitry.

What I am leading up to here, is that I was more than a little miffed when the FCC changed my license class to Advanced and I learned I would have to do more testing to recover my lost operating privileges.

I suppose it amounts to an attitude problem on my account, but so far I have declined to submit to any further testing in the interest of operating privileges.

Another federal agency, The FAA, recognizes military training, experience and proficiency. I am licensed as a commercial pilot by the FAA, but I have never ridden with an FAA examiner. The FAA issued the license based on my USAF rating as a pilot.

Thanks and good luck in your endeavors.

73

Hal Wade

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**Date:** Sat, 28 Dec 2002 08:11:37 -0600  
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Hi dale

I concur with your petition in its entirety. Please may I have the FCC address or web site so I can also add my two cents in this endeavor. I will ask other hams in the area to also see this proposal. Thanks.

73, John W9JN

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Dale; I agree with all of your proposal except, advancing the Advanced ticket holders. These are the last of the licenses that had to be earned. Now adays anyone with 5 words and a good memory (or a little luck ), can get an Extra class ticket. Just my opinion. Thanks for listening, de Dennis KG6BDJ

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